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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

Bill Cosby's fall from grace was completed Tuesday after the former "America's Dad," revealed in recent years to be a serial molester who drugged and assaulted dozens of women, was sentenced to three to 10 years in jail and deemed a "sexually violent predator" in relation to a 2004 sexual assault and immediately remanded into the custody of the Sheriff's Department. While Cosby supporters bashed the verdict, it was a moment of vindication for victim Andrea Constand and the more than 60 women who have accused Cosby of sexual misconduct. Read more inside and on **metro.us.**

POPE: CHURCH 'SPARED NO EFFORT' TO FIGHT ABUSE

1 Pope Francis, facing clergy sex-abuse scandals in several countries, said on Tuesday that the Roman Catholic Church has "spared no effort" to tackle the problem in recent years. But, speaking to reporters aboard the papal plane while returning from a four-day trip to the Baltics, the pope again appeared to indirectly acknowledge that the Church had hidden sexual abuse "in the past century," saying that such cover-ups had been common in families as well. Francis referred to a damning report last August by a U.S. grand jury on sexual abuse of children by priests in Pennsylvania over a 70-year period. He noted that the incidents of abuse diminished toward the end of the years covered in the report. "In more recent times the number went down because the Church realized that it had to fight in a different way," he said. "In olden times, these things were covered up, they were even covered up in homes, when an uncle raped a niece, when a father raped his children. It was covered up because it was an enormous shame. That was the mentality in the last century," he said.

GOOGLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE PRIVACY MISTAKES

2 Leading internet search engine Google will acknowledge that it has made "mistakes" on privacy issues in testimony an executive of the Alphabet Inc. unit will deliver to a U.S. Senate committee on Wednesday, according to a document reviewed by Reuters. "We acknowledge that we have made mistakes in the past, from which we have learned, and improved our robust privacy program," Google Chief Privacy Officer Keith Enright will say in written testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee. Google will testify alongside AT&T Inc., Amazon.com Inc. Apple Inc., and other companies amid growing concerns about data privacy. Google's written testimony did not identify specific prior mistakes but the company has come under fire for privacy issues. In 2012, Google agreed to pay a then-record $22.5 million civil penalty to settle Federal Trade Commission charges that it misrepresented to Apple Safari internet browser users that it would not place tracking "cookies" or serve them targeted ads.

PETITION CALLS FOR BILL COSBY'S WALK OF FAME STAR TO BE REMOVED

3 A woman walks on Bill Cosby's star along the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Tuesday in Hollywood, California. Cosby was sentenced to three to 10 years in prison for sexually assaulting and drugging a woman. A petition has been sent to the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to remove the comedian's star from the famed boulevard.

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EX-NSA AGENT SENTENCED FOR EXPOSING SECRETS

4 A former U.S. National Security Agency employee was sentenced in a federal court in Baltimore on Tuesday to 5½ years in prison, after pleading guilty last December to illegally taking classified information outside the spy agency, the U.S. Justice Department said. Nghia Hoang Pho, 68, of Ellicott City, Maryland, removed documents that contained classified national defense information and kept them at his home without authorization, the department said in a statement. Pho will also be required to undergo three years of supervised release after completing his prison sentence. Pho worked in the NSA's elite hacking unit and he removed what prosecutors described as "massive troves" of highly classified documents containing top-secret national defense information between 2010 and March 2015. A U.S. intelligence official previously has said on the condition of anonymity that Pho was the same NSA employee who had been identified in media reports for using Kaspersky Lab antivirus software on his home computer.

MEXICAN MARINES RAID ACAPULCO POLICE FORCE

5 Heavily armed Mexican marines and soldiers stormed on Tuesday the police force of violent port city Acapulco on suspicions of ties to organized crime, arresting two officers accused of homicide and seizing weapons and equipment. Acapulco in southern Guerrero state, once a glamorous beach resort for Hollywood's rich and famous, has fallen on hard times as entrenched drug crime has transformed it into one of the most murderous cities in the world. Guerrero is a hub for opium poppy production and the scene of frequent violent clashes between warring drug cartels. The military personnel, along with federal and state police and the Guerrero state's attorney general's office, disarmed Acapulco municipal police officers and arrested two of them for their "probable responsibility" in homicide, they said in a joint statement. Acapulco's other police officers are under investigation, the group said, without specifying how many, adding that weapons, bulletproof vests, ammunition and radios were seized. There were over 30,000 murders across Mexico last year.

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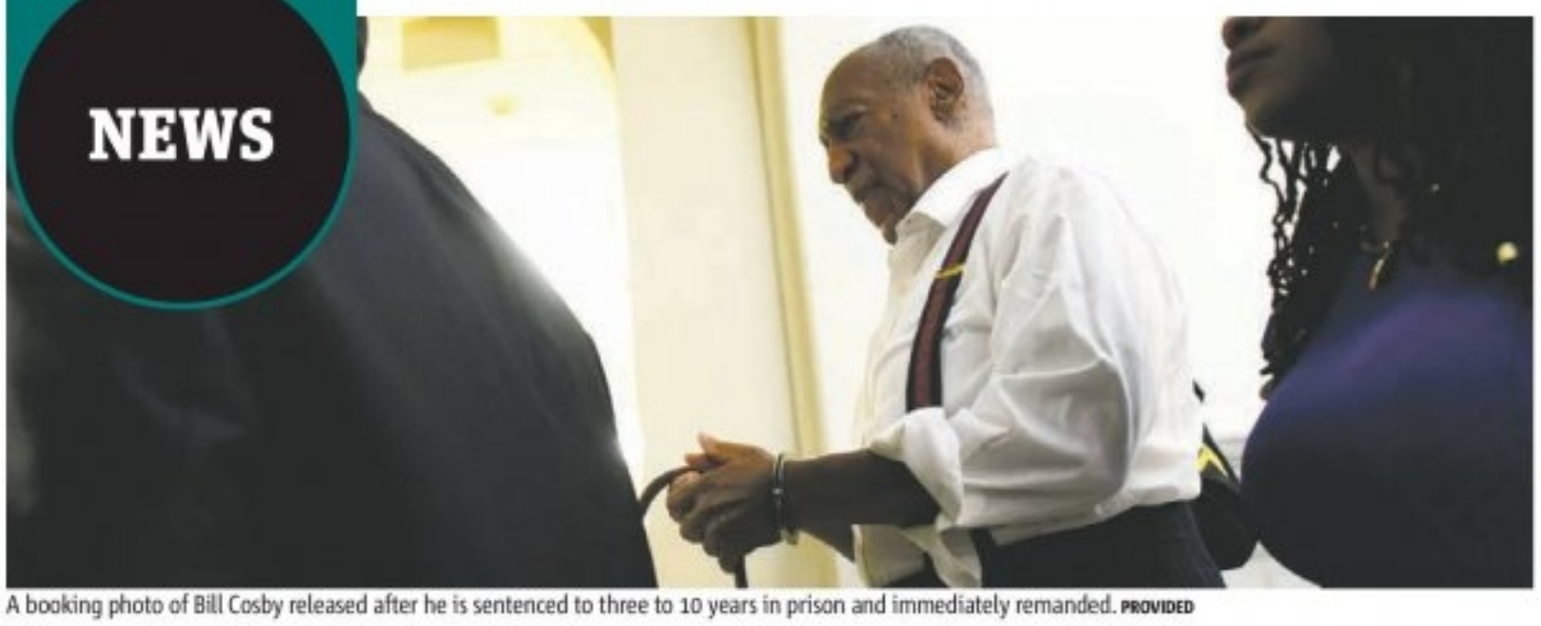

A booking photo of Bill Cosby released after he is sentenced to three to 10 years in prison and immediately remanded. PROVIDED

‘America’s Dad’ Cosby sentenced to 3 to 10 years in prison

The disgraced entertainer was deemed a “sexually violent predator” by Judge Steven T. O’Neill.

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After a tumultuous legal battle, Bill Cosby was sentenced to state prison time on Tuesday for sexually assaulting Andrea Constand at his Cheltenham mansion in 2004, and was immediately remanded to custody.

Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Judge Steven T. O’Neill handed down a three- to 10-year sentence after a two-day-long sentencing hearing at which he deemed Cosby, formerly considered “America’s Dad” as star of “The Cosby Show,” a “sexually voilent predator.”

“It’s been 34 months since the complaint was brought. ... It is time for justice. The day has come. The time has come,” O’Neill said in handing down the sentence. “No one is above the law. No one should be treated disproportionately because of who they are, where they live or even their wealth, celebrity or philanthropy.”

O’Neill refused to grant Cosby bail or allow him to remain free on house arrest pending appeal, and instead ordered him to be immediately remanded to state custody, despite defense lawyers raising last-minute objections and appeals regarding evidence in Cosby’s case. After a final break to review the law, O’Neill rejected defense arguments and ordered Cosby into custody.

With his hands and feet shackled, holding a thin cane, Cosby was escorted out a back door of the courtroom and driven away in a black sport utility vehicle.

Cosby will first be detained in Eagleville at the Montgomery County Correctional Center, according to prosecutors. He will then be officially transferred into Pennsylvania Department of Correction custody at the State Correctional Institution in Phoenixville, the newest state prison, and from there the final state prison of his incarceration will be determined.

Montco DA Kevin Steele had argued for Cosby to get five to 10 years in prison, on the basis of the fact that Cosby used his celebrity to prey on women and had never shown remorse or apologized for his crimes.

At a press conference after the sentence was handed down, he rejected questions that Cosby as an African-American may have been treated unfairly by the system.

“This is no different than any other case. ... We simply follow the case where the evidence takes us and it doesn’t matter who they are,” Steele said. “When Judge [Eduardo] Robreno released the deposition and said that ‘this is perhaps criminal,’ we’re obligated to look at that, and we did.”

Defense lawyer Joseph Green contended at the hearing that Cosby is a frail old man at age 81 and now legally blind, and deserved leniency, possibly house arrest.

But O’Neill sided with prosecutors, sentencing Cosby to three to 10 years in prison.

Cosby casually removed his watch and suit jacket while waiting

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to be placed in custody, before he was cuffed and escorted out.

"Mr. Cosby is doing great and Mr. Cosby knows that God is looking over him, and he knows that these are lies. They persecuted Jesus, and look what happened. Not saying Mr. Cosby is Jesus, but we know what this country has done to black men for centuries," Andrew Wyatt, Cosby's personal assistant and spokesman through his criminal trials, told media after Cosby was escorted into custody. "So Mr. Cosby is doing fine, he's holding up well, and anyone who wants to say anything negative, you're a joke as well, so thank you very much."

Also on Tuesday, Cosby was officially deemed a "sexually violent predator" by Judge O'Neill after two psychologists testified about his mental state.

Dr. Tim Foley testified

"It's been 34 months since the complaint was brought. It is time for justice. The day has come. The time has come."

Judge Steven T. O'Neill

that Cosby was unlikely to re-offend, saying few sex offenders commit new crimes after the age of 70. But O'Neill sided with a state psychologist, Dr. Kristen Dudley, who said that Cosby has a "mental abnormality," which she called a "paraphilic disorder," specifically, that he is attracted to "non-consenting women."

Cosby was also ordered to pay $25,000.

Some 60 women have accused Cosby of sexual assault over the past few decades, but he has only faced criminal charges in the Constand case.

Constand and her family also spoke on Monday at the hearing.

"Your honor, I have testified," Constand said in her statement. "I have given you my victim impact statement. The jury heard me. Mr. Cosby heard me. All I am asking for is justice as the court sees fit."

On Tuesday, prosecutors released a six-page written statement from Constand, in which she detailed the severe impact that followed her assault by Cosby.

"To truly understand the impact that sexual assault has had on my life, you have to understand the person that I was before it happened," Constand wrote. "When the sexual assault happened, I was a young woman brimming with confidence and looking forward to a future bright with possibilities. Now, almost 15 years later, I'm a middle-aged woman who's been stuck in a holding pattern for most of her adult life, unable to heal fully or to move forward."

Constand was a high school and college basketball star and played pro in Italy before taking a job at Temple as a director of operations for the women's basketball team. Assaulted by Cosby just before leaving her job at Temple, Constand wrote that back home in Canada, she experienced worse and worse psychological issues before reporting the molestation to police, one year after it happened.

"The nightmares started. I dreamed that another woman was being assaulted right in front of me and it was all my fault. ... I became more and more anxious that what had happened to me was going to happen to someone else. I grew terrified that it might already be too late, that the sexual assaults were continuing because I didn't speak out," Constand wrote, adding that reporting to police and the ensuing counterattacks by Cosby and his legal team led to "insurmountable stress and anxiety, which I still experience today."

"Now, more than 60 women have self-identified as sexual assault victims of Bill Cosby," she wrote. "We may never know the full extent of his double life as a sexual predator, but his decades-long reign of terror as a serial rapist is over."

Additional reporting by Reuters

Bill Cosby is led out in handcuffs after hearing his sentence of three to 10 years. GETTY IMAGES

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President Donald Trump makes remarks at the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly. GETTY IMAGES

Trump praises North Korea's Kim but says sanctions must stay for now

President Donald Trump praised North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un on Tuesday for his courage in taking steps to disarm, but said much work still had to be done and sanctions must remain in place on North Korea until it denuclearizes.

"The missiles and rockets are no longer flying in every direction, nuclear testing has stopped, some military facilities are already being dismantled," Trump said in his speech to the annual United Nations General Assembly.

"I would like to thank Chairman Kim for his courage and for the steps he has taken, though much work remains to be done," Trump said. "The sanctions will stay in place until denuclearization occurs."

Trump's remarks on North Korea were dramatically different from those in his speech last year at the U.N. assembly, when he threatened to "totally destroy" North Korea and mocked the North Korean leader as "Rocket Man" on a "suicide mission."

Trump held an unprecedented summit with Kim in Singapore in June which yielded a broad pledge by Kim to "work towards" denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

However, Kim's commitments and actions so far have fallen far short of Washington's demands for a complete inventory of North Korea's weapons programs and irreversible steps to give up a nuclear arsenal that threatens the United States.

Trump has nevertheless heaped personal praise on Kim and expressed enthusiasm for a second summit.

On Monday, he said he expected this to be announced "pretty soon" but that the location had yet to be determined.

During a meeting with South Korean President Moon Jae-in at the United Nations on Monday, Trump said Kim has been "really very open and terrific, frankly."

"I think he wants to see something happen."

Trump singled out Japanese Prime Minster Shinzo Abe, Moon and Chinese President Xi Jinping for their support over North Korea, in spite of some questions about the commitment of the latter two leaders to maintaining tough sanctions on Pyongyang.

At a meeting last week with Moon, Kim promised to dismantle a missile site and also a nuclear complex if the United States took "corresponding action."

Moon told an event in New York on the sidelines of the U.N. meeting that declaring a formal end to the 1950-53 Korean War would encourage North Korea to move further with denuclearization.

Moon said Kim had told him the "corresponding measures" he was seeking were security guarantees Trump pledged in Singapore and moves toward normalization of relations with Washington.

"I believe that setting a timetable for all these measures is a task for the second U.S.-North Korea summit," Moon said.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Monday he hoped to travel to North Korea again before the end of the year to make final preparations for a second Trump-Kim summit.

Pompeo has proposed a meeting with North Korea Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho at the General Assembly this week. U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said last week the two had agreed to meet but that the meeting could take place later. REUTERS

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Trump calls allegations against Kavanaugh a 'con game'

President Donald Trump, fighting to shore up his nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court in a divided Senate, on Tuesday called sexual-misconduct allegations against the judge "a con game being played by the Democrats."

Trump's escalation in his rhetoric defending Kavanaugh came as the Republican-led Senate Judiciary Committee announced the hiring of a woman lawyer who is "an expert sex crimes prosecutor" to question one of the nominee's accusers, Christine Blasey Ford, at a high-stakes hearing scheduled for Thursday.

In a break from convention, this outside lawyer, whose name was not released, will question Ford and Kavanaugh on behalf of the committee's Republican senators, 11 white men. Typically, senators do the questioning themselves.

Trump said Ford's allegation was 36 years old "and nobody ever heard about it." Of Ramirez's allegation, Trump said: "And now a new charge comes up. And she says: 'Well it might not be him.' And there were gaps. And she said she was totally inebriated ... and she doesn't know it was him, but it might have been him."

Trump added: "Oh, gee, let's not make him a Supreme Court judge because of that? This is a con game being played by the Democrats."

Asked whether Ramirez should also be allowed to testify, Trump said: "The second accuser has nothing."

The Kavanaugh confirmation fight comes just weeks before Nov. 6 congressional elections in which Democrats are trying to take control of Congress from Republicans, against a backdrop of the #MeToo movement fighting sexual harassment and assault.

Kavanaugh's confirmation would firm up conservative control of the Supreme Court and advance Trump's goal of moving the high court and the broader federal judiciary to the right. REUTERS

THE FOREMAN FORECAST: THE BIG BET ON KAVANAUGH

ANALYSIS

TOM FOREMAN

Make the robe, order the congratulatory cupcakes, and call the photographer for a new class portrait: Brett Kavanaugh is going to be the next Supreme Court Justice. At least, that is the widespread wisdom among D.C. pundits. Despite all the anger and disbelief of Democrats, the raging headlines and frustration among women's rights advocates, the vote to confirm him is still considered a likely bet.

Now you may be among the many asking, "How can this be?" You've heard the accusations against him. You've watched the frothy debates about his guilt or innocence. You perhaps believe a full-fledged FBI investigation is warranted.

What's more, we haven't even heard the chief accuser on the record and under oath. Christine Blasey Ford is scheduled to face the Senate Judiciary Committee this Thursday to expand upon her claims that Kavanaugh pinned her to a bed and tried to remove her clothes at a drunken party in high school. So again, with so much outstanding, how can his confirmation seem so probable? Three reasons.

1. Despite widespread support for the #MeToo movement, it has come along at the exact same time that we have a president, Donald Trump, who stands accused of a good many sexual improprieties…yet has a fiercely loyal base of supporters ready to punish anyone who gets in his way. And he wants Kavanaugh on the court.

2. The most pointed accusation so far flows out of Kavanaugh's high school years, opening the door — fairly or not — to the "we were all just crazy kids back then" defense. And he has flatly denied all accusations, so there is that.

3. Republicans have waited years to be in this position, and if they push Kavanaugh through they will probably have a conservative majority on the highest court in the land for the next 20 years. Period.

And as much as elected officials like to talk about principles, justice, fairness and so on, what really counts in this town when the chips are down is power. That's why, despite all the wild cards on the table, the smart money is still on Kavanaugh.

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Suspect arrested in baseball-bat bludgeoning of homeless men in Los Angeles

Ramon Escobar is also wanted in connection with the disappearance of a Houston couple.

A man has been arrested on suspicion of bludgeoning several homeless men with a baseball bat, two of them fatally, in a series of attacks this month in downtown Los Angeles and the adjacent beachfront city of Santa Monica, police said on Tuesday.

Ramon Escobar, 47, who the Los Angeles Times reported is also wanted for questioning in the disappearance of an aunt and uncle in Houston, Texas, was arrested on Monday in Santa Monica after he allegedly beat a homeless man unconscious there, police said.

Escobar was jailed in Santa Monica on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon. He also faces two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder stemming from the beatings of three other homeless men with a baseball bat while they slept on Sept. 16 in the financial district of Los Angeles, according to Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Mike Lopez.

Two of those victims died four days later. The third was hospitalized in critical condition, police said. The Santa Monica victim suffered blunt-force trauma injuries to his head, according to police, but the weapon used was not specified.

The LAPD and Santa Monica police planned to furnish additional details at a news briefing in Los Angeles later on Tuesday.

At a news conference last week, LAPD Captain William Hayes said the suspect was caught on surveillance video rummaging through the victims' belongings in search of valuable items before leaving the scene.

Santa Monica police were also investigating whether Escobar was involved in the fatal bludgeoning of another man found dead under the city pier on Sept. 20, they said on Monday. Relatives of that victim have said the man was not homeless but often slept on the beach after overnight fishing trips, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Houston Police Lieutenant Humberto Lopez told the Times that Escobar's uncle and aunt, Rogelio and Dina Escobar, had been missing since August. Police found the charred remains of Dina Escobar's van days after they disappeared, the newspaper said. REUTERS

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Faced by Kavanaugh protestors, Ted Cruz flees DC restaurant

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Republican Sen. Ted Cruz and his wife, Heidi, were chased out of a Washington, D.C. restaurant by a group of people protesting Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

Cruz and his wife had just walked into Fiola, an upscale Italian restaurant near the Capitol, when they were approached by a small group of people chanting "We believe survivors." Some demanded to know his position on Kavanaugh.

In a video posted to Twitter, one woman told Cruz that she was a constituent and a survivor of sexual assault. "I'd love to talk with you about Brett Kavanaugh tonight," she says. "I'm a constituent. Love to know what your vote is going to be tonight. I know that you're very close friends with Mr. Kavanaugh. And do you believe survivors, sir?"

After Cruz replied, "God bless you" and started to walk toward a table, the woman said: "There are now three people who have come forward and who have said that Brett Kavanaugh has attacked them. I know that you're close friends with him. Did you talk to him about that? Did you talk to him about his position?"

Cruz and his wife took their seats and were surrounded by people who continued to chant, "We believe survivors." Soon after, the Cruzes gathered their belongings and walked out of the restaurant to cheers, CNN reported.

Kavanaugh's nomination has been imperiled by two allegations of sexual assault in high school and college. Michael Avenatti, attorney for Stormy Daniels, said yesterday that one of his clients will bring an additional allegation against Kavanaugh in the next few days.

Cruz's challenger for his Senate seat, Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke, condemned the incident on Twitter.

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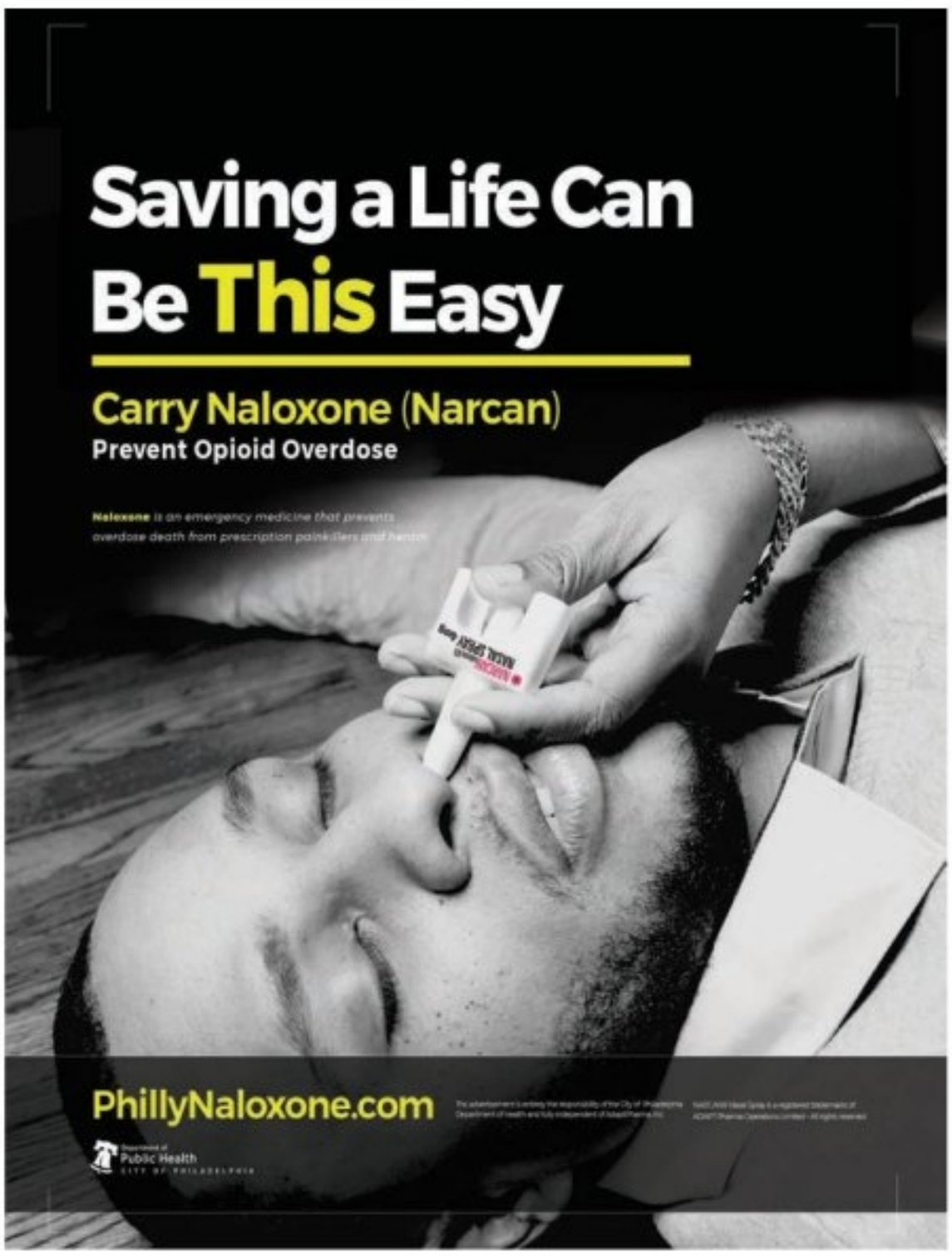
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Versace sale turns up heat on fashion's independent outliers

Michael Kors' swoop on Versace leaves a shrinking universe of fashion brands determined to go it alone and fend off luxury empire builders, raising the pressure on those struggling financially to lift sales or sell out.

The Italian red-carpet favorite is the latest label to be picked off by a conglomerate after years of expansion by European groups like Louis Vuitton owner LVMH, which now has a stable of 70 brands from champagne to watchmakers.

But growing cash piles at LVMH and its Paris rival Kering; the emergence of aspiring conglomerates like U.S.-based Kors or China's Shandong Ruyi; and a widening gulf between performing brands and those straining to catch up could propel more deals, some industry watchers said.

"Compared to the bigger brands, standalone groups lack the needed oxygen. Consolidation is inevitable," said Giuliano Noci, professor of strategy and marketing at Milan's Politecnico School of Management.

The Versace show during Milan Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2019 GETTY IMAGES

The industry still boasts some big-name, independent successes, like France's Hermes or privately-owned Chanel. The latter, long lusted after by rivals, revealed this year it was roughly neck-and-neck with Louis Vuitton as one of the biggest luxury labels by sales.

In Italy, luxury puffer jacket maker Moncler is riding high thanks to a strategy of constantly changing designs and investments in e-commerce.

But in a fickle industry where trends come and go, and demand can take a sudden hit as tourist flows drop for instance, conglomerates have been among the stronger performers recently amid booming demand from Chinese consumers.

Revenues at Kering and LVMH have thrived thanks to their respective Gucci and Vuitton labels, helping them to offset blips at others like Bottega Veneta or Marc Jacobs.

By contrast, Britain's Burberry, Italy's Salvatore Ferragamo or U.S. jeweller Tiffany were more glaringly exposed when their sales momentum faltered.

These three are working through turnaround plans, but are often cited by analysts as potential acquisition targets, even though Ferragamo is one of a handful of Italian family-controlled firms like Prada where the owners have long resisted ceding control.

"For family-owned groups it is more painful to reach these types of decisions. But if you have a period of prolonged underperformance, and this continues, eventually you've got to do something," said Flavio Cereda, an analyst at Jefferies, adding that he expected more deals in the coming years.

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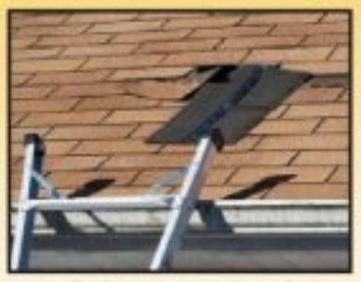
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A two-seater convertible car owned by Marilyn Monroe is going up for auction in November and could fetch up to $500,000, organizers said on Tuesday.

The 1956 raven-black Ford Thunderbird, owned by the movie star for six years until shortly before her death in 1962, is being auctioned for the first time.

Monroe, one of the most collectible celebrities, was pictured driving in the car with her husband, playwright Arthur Miller, shortly after their June 1956 wedding.

Darren Julien, president of Julien's Auctions, said the car was "not only part of automotive history but comes with an aura of glamor, romance and tragedy of a true Hollywood legend."

Monroe gifted the Thunderbird to the son of her acting coach, Lee Strasberg, in 1962. The current owner, who wishes to remain anonymous, tracked the vehicle down through registration and other documents that were sold in 2016 as part of Strasberg's estate.

The car has undergone restoration but retains many original parts.

"Finding this car, a classic two-seater model, after 56 plus years of its unknown whereabouts, was a singular event. No other car has been located and documented as owned by the incomparable Marilyn Monroe," the current owner said in a statement.

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— **Cynthia Jennings**, *Metro US reader*

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Libra Take care of domestic issues swiftly, before they become too burdensome. Have a plan in mind that will involve people who bring out the best in you.

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Dim Sum House by Jane G's is taking National Dumpling Day up a notch.

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Dim Sum House by Jane G's in West Philly has a big announcement. The location at 3939 Chestnut St. is taking National Dumpling Day (September 26) up a notch with its free dumplings delivered promotion.

That's right, Philly; You can get free dumplings right to your doorstep just by ordering from Dim Sum House through Caviar delivery service. That means you can stay in PJs all day, never leave the couch, call in sick from work (we're not recommending, but no judgment) to enjoy some delicious dumplings. All you have to do is order something from Dim Sum House's menu like savory Peking duck, roast pork bao and shrimp cheung fun to receive a free order of pan-fried pork and leek dumplings. But the fun does not stop on National Dumpling Day.

Caviar will offer free delivery from Dim Sum House for a week starting Wednesday, Sept. 26. That means dim sum all week long, Philly!

After Wednesday, you will receive a free order of beef scallion pancakes with any menu item you order.

On top of free delivery and free dumplings, dine-in for special lobster dumplings with lobster, spinach and rice noodle wrap for three pieces for $15. Also, bring some friends for a dumpling sampler for $10 and sample Dim Sum House's top offerings, including soup dumplings.

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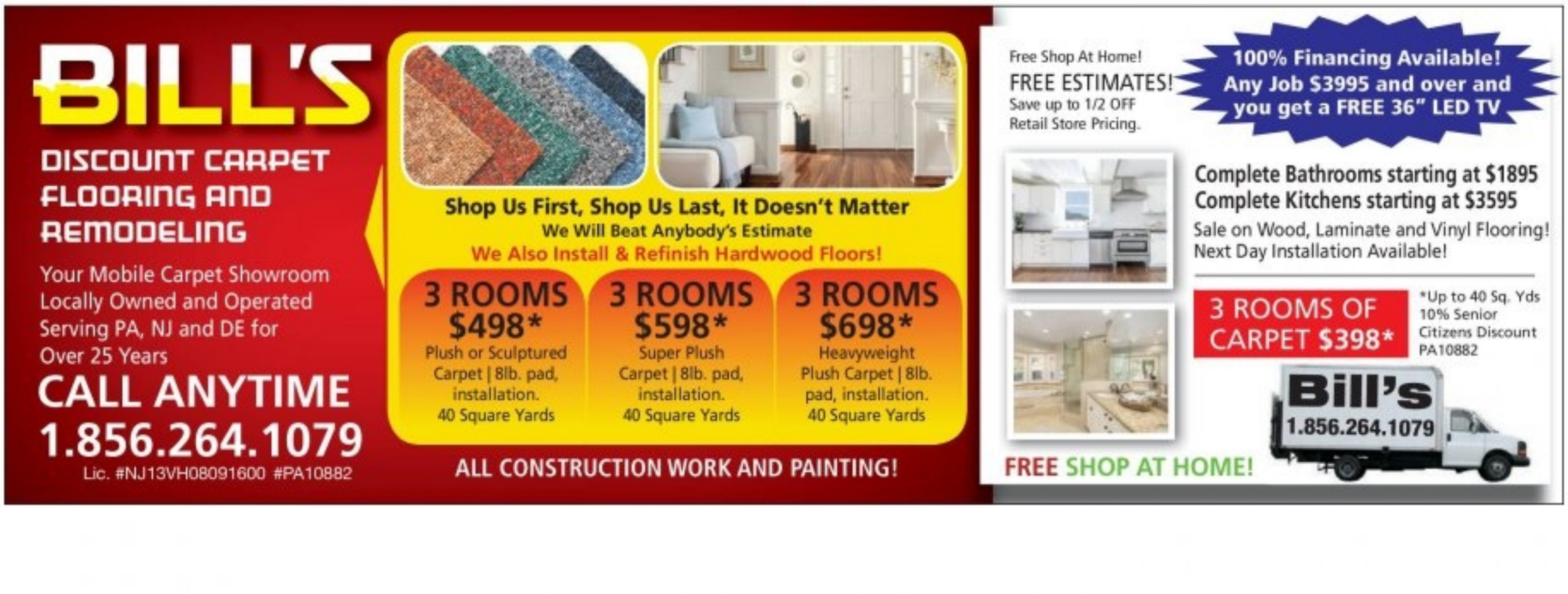
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Hope you're not sensitive, Philly

Tim Heidecker and Gregg Turkington: On Cinema Live! comes to the Fillmore on Sept. 26.

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.Tim Heidecker is used to making bonds and sticking with them. The Philadelphia-born comic actor and writer has been tied to fellow, Temple University student Eric Wareheim – as Tim & Eric – since 2018 for countless cable shows and stage productions.

Gregg Turkington is a more self-reliant sort, as the Australian-born actor and comedian has performed as his greasy, bespectacled insult comic alter ego Neil Hamburger since 1995. Turkington is now in league with Heidecker for their subtlety hilarious, mega-successful "Tim Heidecker & Gregg Turkington: On Cinema" parody film review podcast and web series. For the first time the podcast/web series is moving onto the stage for "Tim Heidecker & Gregg Turkington: On Cinema Live!" at The Fillmore Philadelphia on September 26.

Both men seem to take their goofball pairing - where each resents the other and they both play awful, exaggerated versions of themselves (named "Gregg" and "Tim") with more deaths and illness than movie reviews – very seriously. "Movie sets can be a little dull between location settings and such, and Tim and I – who had already been trading horrifically bad podcasts with each other – said let's start our own podcast," claimed Turkington, referring to the set they shared while filming 2012's "The Comedy." The duo began creating elaborate podcasts between takes or in the car after sharing their love of film and their snark regarding film critics. "Parody is a natural resting place for the two of us, and just happened to work when hearing some truly bad podcasts," said Turkington. "Intuitively though, whether we're ripping on podcasts and film, we're just trying to make each other laugh. Turkington, whose character for "On Cinema" is a truly snobby cinephile, calls Heidecker, the hardest working man he knows.

Tim and Gregg take the stage Sept 26. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

"Tim's got endless energy and will try anything," he said. "I get super-inspired while working with him, especially as we go in so many unexpected directions." Heidecker calls Turkington one of the "smartest" artists that he's ever worked with, and one who was quick to take to the concept of using their own names, while portraying these terrible characters. "I knew that there might be some issue with naming the characters 'Tim' and 'Gregg' and that, perhaps, we'd be more successful if we just created characters," said Heidecker."I do think that it lends to the show's blurred reality. And you know – if you go through what I've done in the past – I al-

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Gregg and Tim will be on stage at the Fillmore

most always use my own name for every character I do." To makes things even more muddled and confounding, Heidecker's alt-right character for "On Cinema," is as Trump-like as the comic actor's role in "Decker," the Adult Swim network comedy.

"I like blowhards," he said with a laugh, which is excellent considering that the pair are critiquing critics making criticism. The funny thing (well, there's many funny things), about the staging of: "On Cinema: Live!" is that neither Heidecker nor Turkington and their special guests, won't review many movies. If you follow their podcast/web show, you'll know that the bullying 'Tim' character and 'Gregg' currently find themselves part of the action on "Decker," (a murder at an EDM festival) which makes for an even more complex interaction between storylines.

So, with Heidecker coming back to his hometown, will there be a preponderance of Philly-filmed flicks– such as "Mannequin 2," or "The Sixth Sense," or "The Silver Linings Playbook" thrown under the bus? "I can't tell you what films we're tackling, but I can say in other cities, we've found hometown films to rip on," said Heidecker. And Turkington – who has played in Philly many times as his "Neil Hamburger" character, said he loves coming to town and finding great eats. "When I used to play Khyber Pass in Old City, I used to love eating at Mexican restaurants there. That will be the first thing I look for when we get in."

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"Star Wars" fans were surprised by the way characters could communicate through futuristic hologram technology.

Now, a company called Holovit has created screens that allow you to create holograms similar to those in the movies.

They are very easy to use: All you need is an image on your smartphone, laptop or tablet.

Metro spoke with Sibel Stanz, co-Founder at Holovit, to know more. DANIEL CASILLAS MWN

Q&A

SIBEL STANZ
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What is a holographic screen?
It is a transparent screen that changes images / videos to 3D holograms. It works with smartphones, tablets and laptops.

What led you develop it?
It started as a hobby for me. I always wanted to bring a true 3D holography experience to homes and add a different spice to home entertainment. Holograms used to be out of reach for most people. With our simple system, holography can easily be part of your daily life.

How does it work?
When set at optimal distance, it works as a lens creating holograms up to eight times bigger than similar systems. In order to get the holographic effect the background of videos have to be either black and the lighting of the room has to be slightly dim. The screen is designed to work without the need of a projector or special equipment.

Tell about device's main features.
The system comes with the world's first holographic video game. It is registered at Google Play and Apple Store. And it is the first personal system that is easy to use for creating your own holograms. You can turn yourself into a hologram in a few easy steps.

What about HoloVit Effect App?
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3 Players who might not be with the Phillies in 2019

The Phillies could look drastically different in 2019, after a disappointing second half of the season.

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Over the weekend, the Phillies were officially eliminated from playoff contention as the Atlanta Braves swept them in four games. What was once a promising summer turned into a dreadful August and September of what could have been.

Also happening over the weekend, Ken Rosenthal of The Athletic reported that the Phillies are open to trading all players, but not outfielder/first baseman Rhys Hoskins and ace pitcher Aaron Nola.

The MLB scribe added it would be unlikely for Philly to move Carlos Santana, but realistically could deal Maikel Franco if they sign Manny Machado in free agency or trade Odubel Herrera.

With that being said, it brings up the question of who might not be on the Phillies next season. There are a lot of options on the table as this team fell flat on its face down the stretch. Could it be the players whom Rosenthal mentioned, or someone else?

Here are three players who may not be donning the red pinstripes in 2019:

There is a possibility that Odubel Herrera and some other big Phillies names might not be back next year. GETTY IMAGES

1. ODUBEL HERRERA

Sticking with what Rosenthal said, it would not be a surprise to see Herrera playing elsewhere next year. The young outfielder started out the regular season on fire with a 45-game on-base streak.

During that stretch of games dating back to last season, Herrera had a ridiculous OPS of 1.004 against righties and an OPS of .913 against lefties. However, he has struggled since then and been in and out of the lineup.

This season, the 26-year-old outfielder is slashing .256/.313./424 with 22 home runs and 68 RBIs. It also doesn't help that Roman Quinn, who has seen a considerable amount of time in centerfield, is playing better than Herrera. Quinn is hitting for average, swiping bags, and is a defensive upgrade.

The only issue with Quinn is whether he can stay healthy for a full season. If the Phillies believe that he can, then Herrera definitely might be on the trade block.

Then there is also that guy in Washington named Bryce Harper, whom the Phillies will be interested in signing to a monster contract this winter.

With the potential addition of Harper in the right field, Quinn in center, Aaron Altherr maybe in left and Nick Williams as the fourth outfielder, there's no need for Herrera.

2. MAIKEL FRANCO

Franco could be playing elsewhere too, but unlike Herrera, it is not for bad play. This season, the young third baseman is having a resurgence at plate, slashing .270/.314/.467 with 22 home runs and 68 RBI.

He's also only struck out 62 times, which is a drastic improvement from last season, where he had 95 strikeouts. Therefore, you would think that Franco has earned the opportunity to stay at least for another season.

However, that is not how it works in the mind of manager Gabe Kapler. Since the calendar turned to September, he has used Carlos Santana at third base, allowing Hoskins to go back to his natural position at first base.

While the move works for Hoskins, who did not look comfortable in left field, it does not work for Franco. The 26-year-old third baseman has only played in nine games this month, with only 20 plate appearances.

The Phillies do not want to move on from Santana yet because it would look bad since they just signed him to a three-year, $60 million deal last winter.

This means that Franco is the odd man out and could be dealt for a bullpen arm or some other position of need for the Phils.

3. J.P. CRAWFORD

Sticking with the infield, shortstop J.P. Crawford could be the odd man out for a couple of reasons.

The 23-year-old shortstop has missed a considerable amount of time this season with nagging and unfortunate injuries.

In only 136 plate appearances, Crawford is slashing .217/.323/.400 with three home runs and 12 RBI. That is not a lot of production coming from the highly touted prospect, which does not look good, especially when you factor in the play of Kingery.

Speaking of Kingery, he may be the reason why Crawford is expendable. Both players have seen time at shortstop, despite Kingery probably being best suited to play at second base.

Cesar Hernandez is currently occupying second base and it does not seem like the Phillies are ready to move him. This season, Kingery has not done much better at the plate than Crawford, slashing .226/.267/.337 with eight home runs and 34 RBI in 461 plate appearances.

But unlike Crawford, the Phillies made a long-term investment in Kingery, signing him to a six-year, $24 million deal out of spring training.

The 23-year-old Crawford could be used to acquire more young prospects or potentially a starting pitcher this winter.

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Union focused on capturing first-ever U.S. Open Cup championship tonight

After losing the U.S. Open Cup final twice in the last four years, Philly is hoping for better results tonight.

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A playoff spot is all but locked up for the Philadelphia Union (14-12-4), who have an 11-point lead in the standings with just four matches left to play in the regular season. A win this weekend over the Columbus Crew (13-9-8) would clinch their third playoff trip in franchise history.

But for the moment, the team has something else on their minds.

On Wednesday night, the Union will take on the Houston Dynamo in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup final. Runners-up in 2014 and 2015, a lot of players on this Union team have played on this stage before and have felt the agony of defeat.

In 2014, it was a 3-1 defeat in extra time by the Seattle Sounders at Talen Energy Stadium. In 2015, the Union lost 7-6 in penalty kicks to Sporting Kansas City.

The club hopes to erase the past and accomplish something that hasn't yet been done for the franchise: bring home some hardware.

"I hope we can go into Houston with a lot of confidence," Union midfielder Alejandro Bedoya said. "We've already beaten them once there [on July 25]. So why not again and bring back our first trophy for the club?"

Ironically, the Union are riding a two-game win streak over the very same teams who downed them in the previous finals.

They beat the Sounders 1-0 on Wednesday and Sporting KC 2-0 on Sunday to pick up six crucial points in the Eastern Conference standings. Everything seems to be aligning for the Union at the right time and they hope to ride the high into Wednesday.

"This group deserve to be champions," Union defender Fabinho said. "We know how hard we work every day, everybody. We deserve to be champions on Wednesday and we are ready for this game."

In their 3-1 win over the Dynamo on July 25, it was Bedoya, Fafa Picault and Cory Burke who were able to find the back of the net for the Union. Goaltender Andre Blake had four saves on five shots.

With the prior result in the back of their minds, there's a different energy around the clubhouse this time.

"I feel different this year," Fabinho said. "I don't know why, I can't say how or why, but I feel different. I feel like we'll be the champions, you know what I mean? I know the game will be very tough, I know Houston has a good team."

Wednesday's match will air at 8 p.m. on ESPN2.

Alejandro Bedoya and the Union look to win silverware tonight. GETTY IMAGES

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Hemp Gummies offer users fast acting relief from agonizing joint and muscle discomfort that's absolutely delicious; legal in all 50 states without a prescription

Chris Laufstein
Associated Health Press

BOSTON - - For millions battling daily discomfort, this news couldn't be more exciting.

A new relief extract found in hemp is legal in all 50 States and can be purchased without a prescription.

And the best part, it comes to users in the form of a tasty gummy bear.

So you can say goodbye to pills, needles, and creams!

Hemp Gummies, contains pure concentrated doses of legal hemp extract, which can help relieve agonizing joint discomfort along with general muscle aches and soreness.

It also calms, relaxes, and eases tension all over the body.

Exciting new scientific research shows that hemp extract contains special relief molecules called cannabinoids which bind to receptor cites in the brain and body. When taken orally, hemp extract activates these receptors, and soothing comfort begins to take form.

Legal Across the Nation

Recent developments, like the *US Farm Bill*, allow ***Hemp Gummies*** to be sold in all States without a prescription. And since it can't get you high it's flying off the shelves.

"Most people have no idea that pure hemp extract, like ***Hemp Gummies***, can be purchased legally anywhere in the US. And that's because it contains no THC," explains Dr. Joe Wezensky, who sits on the scientific board at Medici Quest.

"Instead, it's bursting with special relief compounds called cannabinoids. These cannabinoids target special receptor cites all over the body but are most prominent in the brain."

"This system of cannabinoids and the receptors that they bind to are called the Endocannabinoid System and science is just now unlocking its amazing medical potential"

"In fact, the initial research has been so impressive that hemp extract is now patented by the US Government (patent #6,630,507)."

"It's also being used by athletes in the NFL, MMA among other physically demanding sports as a safe alternative."

Clearing Up the Confusion Around Hemp

One of the biggest mistakes people make when talking about hemp extract is mixing it up with marijuana.

Although the two fall under the same plant category, cannabis sativa, they have completely different effects on the body.

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"Although you can't get high from ***Hemp Gummies***, you can start feeling the relief right away" explains Wezensky.

"Most people have very low cannabinoid levels, which is why they constantly ache. ***Hemp Gummies*** boosts cannabinoid levels extremely fast, helping relieve lingering joint discomfort ...muscle tension... and general soreness. It also eases stress and elicits amazing relaxation without feeling impaired. And what most people really love is they're delicious and so easy to take on the go.

How it Works

Clinical studies show that cannabinoids and the receptors that they bind to are found all over your body.

However, they are most concentrated in your brain. That's why it has such a profound impact on how you feel, especially your level of comfort.

These cannabinoids and their receptors work like "lock and key" and bind to each other triggering important biological processes.

Hemp Extract, like *Hemp Gummies*, may help users with...

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- Sore muscles
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Keeps Your Body Balanced...

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Taking All the Risk Off Consumers

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Where To Find Hemp Gummies

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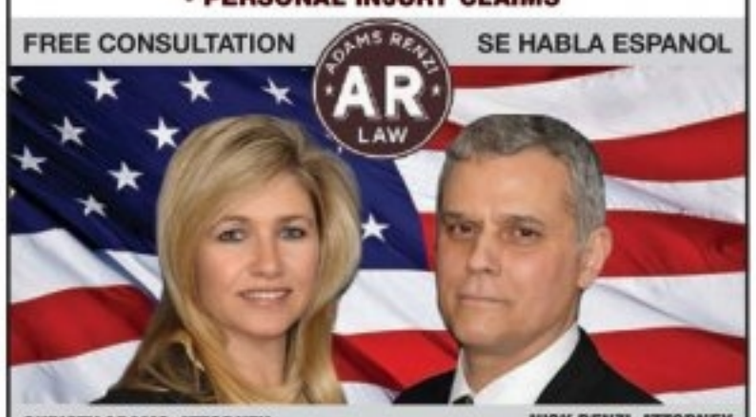

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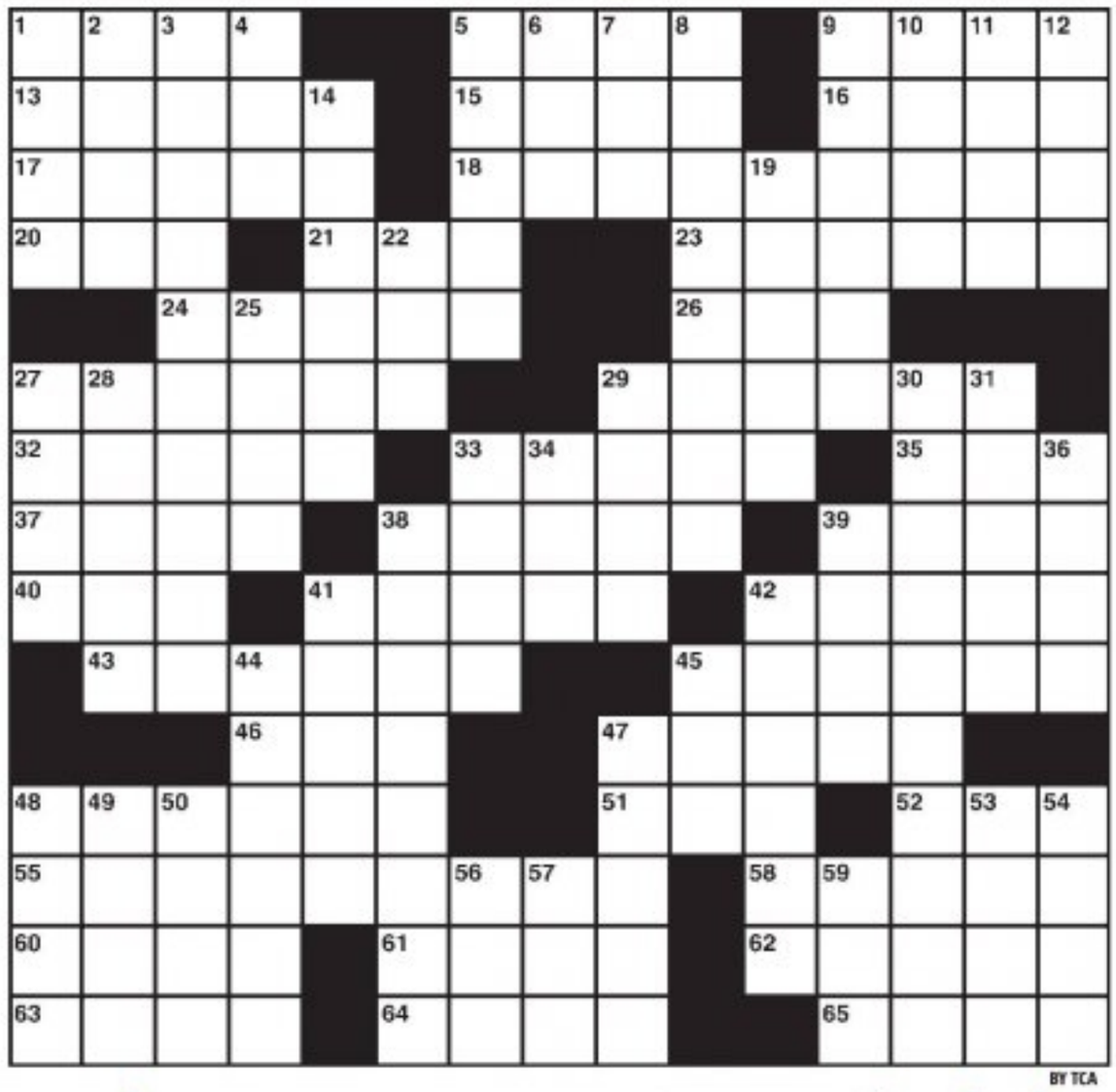

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20 Fraternity letter
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26 Berry or Norton
27 Obscure facts
29 Spring, for one
32 Expand
33 Diagram
35 Doggy doc
37 As comfortable __ old shoe
38 Drain stoppers
39 Eye duct secretion
40 __ up; arrange
41 Humiliation
42 Baseball's Yogi
43 Took ten
45 Elegant
46 Green vegetable
47 Cut of beef
48 "And So __"; Billy Joel song
51 "__ a Small World"
52 Cry of discovery
55 Con artist; fraud
58 Idaho export
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61 __ off; dozes
62 Cook clams
63 Guacamole and salsa
64 Easy to handle
65 Catch sight of

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34 Ho-__; boring
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